Lock's Village Mass Feb 14th 1865

Mr William Loyd Garrison,

34 Dear Sir,

Although you are an entire stranger to me personally yet by reading, your name is as familiar to me as house hold words, I have been an ardent Slaveryman of the Wm Goodell class for a long series of years and have wished to live to see our country free from the stain of Slavery above any one thing else which I hope is near at hand. If I have been rightly inform-ed one of your first acts in the cause of doing away Slavery was in Baltimore, a long series of years ago you was there and a vessel was at the wharf freighted with Slaves manacled and ready for a start for the southern plantations the sight of which caused you to

write a piece and publish'd it
in a Baltimore paper, and for
this act you was taken and
confined in Jail in Baltimore.
Now if this is correct as I have
long supposed it to be, I have
for years thought the Slaveholders
got hold of the wrong man when
they got hold of you; now I have
wanted to read that piece above
any other that has ever been written
in this country on Slavery. If
you have a spare copy of it I
would like to have you send me
one which I would try and have
my children hand down to other
generations as one of the moving
causes of the overthrow of the
sum of all villanies,

Yours truly,

Daniel Ballard